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II. These Schools, are common to all, of what condition soever; and none shall be Excluded, when they shall be thought fit to begin to learn Latin, and Write sufficiently well: And in these Schools, shall be Taught, Greek and Latin: As also Poetry and Rhetorick, as they shall rise to higher Schools.

III. And altho' Youths of different Professions, whether Catholics or Protestants, come to these Schools; yet in Teaching all, there shall be no distinction made, but all shall be Taught with equal Diligence and Care, and every one shall be promoted according to his Deserts.

IV. There shall not be, either by Masters or Scholars, any tampering or meddling, to perswade any one from the Profession of his own Religion; but there shall be all freedom for every one to Practice what Religion he shall please; and none shall be less esteemed or favored for being of a different Religion from others.

V. None shall upbraid or reproach any one, on the account of Religion; and when any Exercise of Religion shall be Practised, as hearing Mass, Catechising or Preaching, or any other, it shall be lawful, for any Protestant, without any molestation or trouble, to absent himself from such Exercise, if he please.

VI. All shall be Taught to keep Gods Commandments, and therefore none shall be permitted, to Lye, Swear, or Curse, or talk uncivil Discourse; Nor shall fight or quarrel with one another; And he who shall be observed to fail in these Duties shall be punished according to his Demerit: And when any one for these or other Faults shall be adjudged to any Chastisement, if he shall refuse to receive such Chastisement quietly, or be stubborn, he shall be Expel'd the Schools, and not be re admitted again, until he shall have given satisfaction for such his Fault.

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IX. All are required to be exact and diligent, in daily frequenting the Schools and being there, none are to go out without leave of their Master; and when any one shall be absent from School, he shall the next Day he comes, bring from his Parents Ticket, of the lawfulness of such his Absence: Yet they shall have every Week two Afternoons of Recreation, in which they come not to School; unless a Holy-day happen that Week, which shall then be their Recreation-day.

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